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IMLS Primary Source Newsletter Highlights

April 2015

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- Featured Project Profile: Preserving Art and Finding Hidden Treasures
 - The Barnes Foundation treated 22 works of art on paper from its permanent collection, including art by Picasso, Cézanne, Klee, Degas, and Renoir, for conservation. In addition to increasing collection accessibility for education, research, and aesthetic appreciation, the conservation project produced an astounding discovery.
- April Director's Message: Celebrating National Poetry Month with Student Poets
 - Last week, I had the great pleasure of attending a White House event celebrating National Poetry Month. Both President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama delivered remarks and their old friend, poet Elizabeth Alexander, read from her new book before a gathering of student poets, federal arts supporters, and others in the East Room. Earlier in the day, Elizabeth Alexander led a White House Poetry Workshop with a large group of students. My colleagues from the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities were there, and we were all very proud to see National Student Poet Madeleine LeCesne introduce the President ("Former teen poet and President of the United States...").
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- Featured Project Profile: Creative Aging Engages Seniors through Art
 - Westchester Library System, a cooperative library system, implemented a Creative Aging instructional arts program to empower community libraries to offer programs providing social engagement and creative expression to active and engaged seniors.
- March Director's Message: Training our Focus
 - IMLS takes a keen interest in the many ways museums and libraries adapt to serve the changing needs of their communities. In the same way, we at IMLS need to recognize the shifting realities of our own museum and library stakeholders. Our IMLS Focus initiative, begun last year with a series of three convenings, successfully helped us to garner public participation and informed our strategic priorities for the year. We're excited about a reprisal of these efforts again this year.
- The Latest News
 - President Obama to Nominate New IMLS Director
 - This week President Obama announced his intent to nominate Kathryn Matthew to lead the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Dr. Matthew's latest position is Chief Science Educator at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.
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- Featured Project Profile: Climate Change and Plants—Predicting and Planning
 - Research by the Missouri Botanical Garden combines bioclimatic modeling and innovative experiments to shed light on key questions concerning the impacts of climate change on plant diversity, with the aim of helping conservationists develop scientifically based protocols to avert the loss of species.
- February Director's Message: IMLS and Open Government Initiatives
 - Transparency, participation, and collaboration form the cornerstone of an open government. We consider these principles critical to the mission of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. And we have built a strong foundation of openness policies and practices that guide our activities and are part of President Obama's government-wide initiative to promote openness in the work of federal agencies.
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